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MEMORANDUM FOR: RYI
AD/NE
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SUBJECT : State Paper on Non-Military Courses of Action in
Berlin Crisis

1. In addition to the contingency paper which a State-Defense-CIA working group is preparing for submission to the President on 7 or 9 April, State will submit at the same time a paper on non-military actions (e.g., breaking diplomatic relations, economic sanctions, etc.). EUR has not yet written the paper but just this morning at 1100 brought me over an outline with a request that we help them out by assessing Bloc and Free World reactions as we are doing on the other Berlin paper.

2. After the usual complaint about the lateness of the request I indicated ad referendum that we would help out to the extent we can. Since this is a unilateral State paper the EUR man in charge did not feel that a coordinated intelligence response would be necessary; indeed with the deadline involved I don't see how this would be possible. At any rate I have alerted ORR to do a brief draft on economic implications and ORR to do the same on Bloc and Free World political reactions for sending to State by tomorrow noon. Presumably they will then incorporate this in their first draft and will give us copies of the overall draft paper. Then we can refine our judgments and give them a revised version of our contribution by Friday afternoon.

3. I hope that the above procedure is acceptable. While I conclude that there is almost as good a case for a coordinated NIE in this case as in that of the other Berlin paper, I don't see how we could possibly do it and still have time to write.

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